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Promotion of Childcare Service
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made provisions to ensure the promotion of childcare services, State-sponsored crÃ¨ches and community centres for working mothers with younger children in both rural and urban areas of the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof; and
(c) the further initiatives taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI KRISHNA RAJ)

(a) & (b)
(i) Rajiv Gandhi National Creche Scheme (RGNCS) was launched as a Central Sector Scheme with effect from 1st January, 2006 to provide day care facilities to children (age group of 0-6 years) of working mothers & other deserving women belonging to families whose monthly income is not more than Rs. 12,000/-. The Scheme provides day care facilities including sleeping facilities, supplementary nutrition, health care inputs like immunization & basic health monitoring, early stimulation for children below 3 years, pre-school education for 03-06 years old children, emergency medicine and contingencies. The scheme is being implemented presently through Central Social Welfare Board, an autonomous organization under the Ministry and Indian Council for Child Welfare, a National level non-government organization.

The scheme has been revised with enhancement of financial norms for its continuation during the remaining part of the 12th Five year Plan. The revised norms are effective from 01.01.2016. As per revised scheme, the crÃ¨che facility is provided to the children of age group of 6 months to 6 years of working women who is employed for a minimum period of 15 days in a month or 6 month in a year. The Government assistance is limited to 90% of the schematic pattern or actual expenditure, whichever is less and the remaining 10% expenditure is borne by the Institution/Organizations actually running the creches, The Government grant provided is Rs.136440/- per annum per crÃ¨che for 25 children.

(ii) To ensure care and development of children in the 6-72 months of age, whose mothers go for work, Government of India has also approved conversion of 5% of the existing Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) into AWC-cum-Creche during the XII Plan period. States/UTs have been given flexibility in choosing such AWCs.

(iii) As per information furnished by Department of Personnel & Training (DOPT), DOPT runs crÃ¨ches as welfare measure to Central Government employees and their dependents. There are 14 creches being run through Grih Kalyan Kendra (GKK) including 11 creches in Delhi.

(iv) As per information furnished by Department of Post, they support 05 crÃ¨ches all across country through the welfare scheme.

(v) Besides above, crÃ¨che facility is also available in MGIRI (Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises); ITI Ltd at Naini, Raebareli, Manakpur, Bangalore & Pallakad (Ministry of Communication & IT); Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology, Trivandrum, Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research, Banglore, Raman Research Institute, Banglore, S.N.Bose National Centre for Basic Sciences, Kolkata, Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Banglore and Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science, Kolkata (Department of Science and Technology); and BPCL in Mumbai and in Kochi Refinery (Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas).

(c) The Government has set up a Working Group for formulating comprehensive programme/policy/guidelines for National Programme for Creche and Day Care Facilities for the children and its funding pattern etc. under the Chairpersonship of Secretary, WCD with participation from Ministry/Department/Organizations and State/UT Governments.

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